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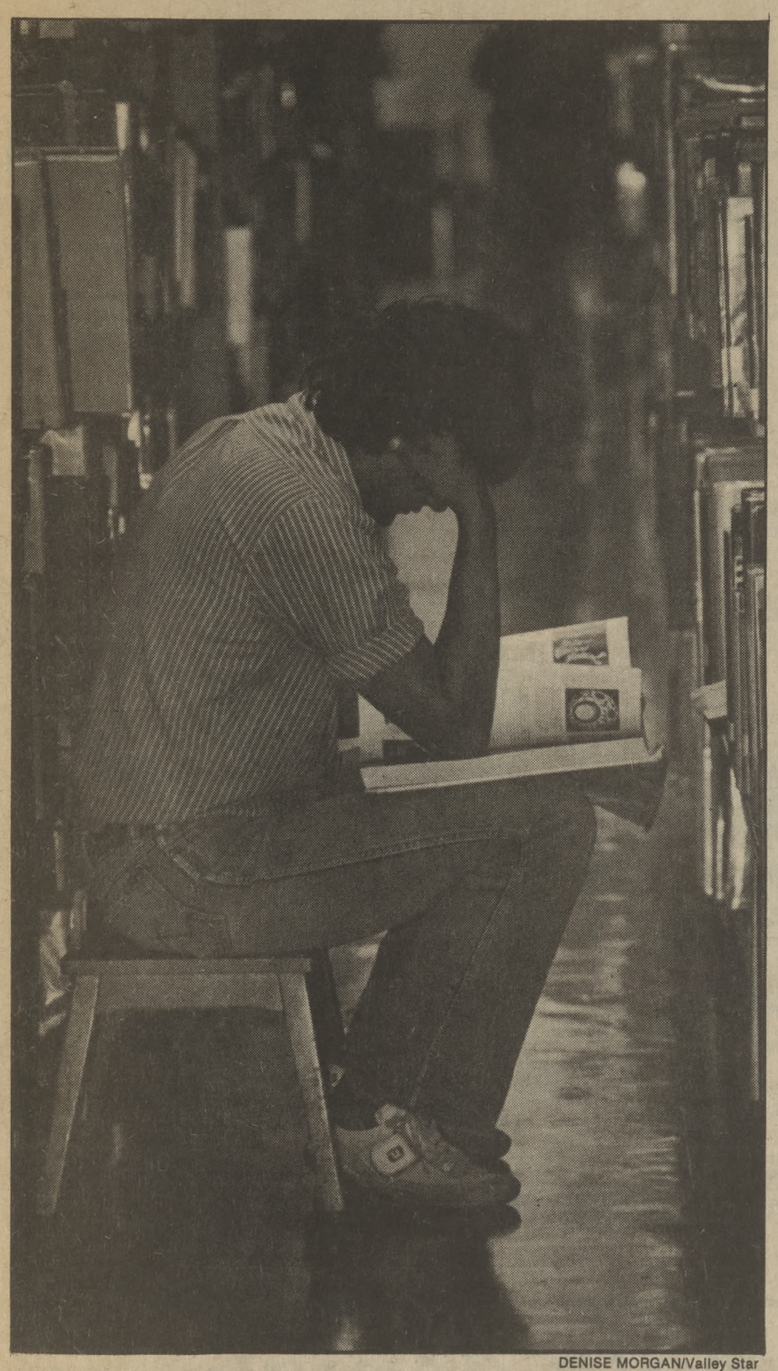

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BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN—Valley student Ruben Gonzales hits the books for what may be the last time as California community colleges were sent reeling yesterday by Gov. George Deukmejian's veto of a funding bill that would have returned the system's budget to last year's level. Bankruptcy is now a real possibility.

'Worst case scenario'

Bankruptcy looms as governor kills funds

By JOSEPH KEHOE
Editor-in-Chief

Bankruptcy is what Los Angeles Community Colleges may be facing as their only viable alternative today as a result of Gov. Deukmejian's veto of a community college funding bill yesterday afternoon.

Trustee Marguerite Archie, president of the Los Angeles Community District (LACCD) Board of Trustees, called the governor's action, "The worst catastrophe that could have happened.

"I can assure you this district will not have the money to keep the schools open (throughout the year)."

The appropriations bill, passed by the State Legislature earlier this week, would have returned 108.5 of the $232 million that Deukmejian cut from the California community college budget in August.

The governor said he would have been "pleased" to pass the legislation if an adjoining bill imposing a $100 a year student fee had also been brought before him.

The assembly defeated such a bill on Sunday.

In his press conference yesterday, Deukmejian asked the lower house of the legislature to meet in special session in order to deal with the community college issue.

However, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco) turned down Deukmejian's invitation to impose a first-ever tuition fee.

"I do not choose to help the governor along in quest in his political philosophy," said Brown.

Deukmejian's decision to veto the bill followed a hectic week of political posturing and maneuvering in which the status of community college funding often changed from one minute to the next.

However, it now appears that the issue has been settled, at least for this year, leaving colleges to make due with what they have.

Gerald C. Hayward, community college chancellor, said the governor's action puts colleges on the

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Strike vote near

By MARY CRONIN
News Editor

With only one week left before a proposed strike vote, time is running out for contract talks between the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD).

The LACCD Board of Trustees, strapped by Sacramento's refusal to provide additional funds recently adopted a budget that called for a five percent pay decrease for district teachers along with a 10 percent increase in work load.

These two issues are the only major obstacles in the teacher/board negotiations.

The AFT met recently and voted to cast a strike vote next Thursday if the differences between the board and the teachers are not resolved by then.

Two AFT meetings were held yesterday. A planning meeting was held to consider picketing plans, and the AFT Executive Board met late in the day to give instructions to their bargaining team.

The teacher's union has been consistently adamant in refusing the districts' wage and work-load proposals, and the district, wrestling with a $29 million deficit, insists that the pay cut is needed to help balance their budget. (It is estimated that the pay cuts will decrease the deficit by $4 million.)

Enrollment Declines

By MARY CRONIN
News Editor

Enrollment at Valley College for Fall 1983 is down approximately seven percent, according to John Barnhart, assistant dean of admissions.

A total of 23,464 students enrolled this semester, and, as in the past, the number of students enrolled in day and evening classes is almost equally divided. About 9,500 students attend during the day, about 9,100 have night classes, and about 3,500 attend both day and night classes.

Barnhart blamed the decrease on several factors. Fewer classes offered has resulted in fewer students. Fear of tuition also created a down swing. Barnhart said that many potential students were convinced

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Monarch Hall lines grow as drop fee deadline approaches

By MARY CRONIN
News Editor

Tomorrow is the last day for students in the state's community colleges to drop a class without being penalized a $10 a class fee for up to two classes.

Lines of students at Valley's Monarch Hall were lengthy at times in the past week as students waited to process add permits and drop cards.

Assistant Dean of Admissions John Barnhart said that the wait was as short as 10 to 15 minutes in mid-afternoon to as long as 45 minutes at peak times.

He also said that "hopefully, word has gotten out" that students should avoid the penalty by stabilizing their class schedules this week.

He warned that students should understand that they cannot avoid paying the fee by simply not attending the classes in which they are enrolled. If students do so, not only will they have to pay the fee when trying to get a copy of their transcript, but they will also lose their prioity enrollment number.

Students who drop a class after tomorrow and want to avoid paying the fee must have complete documentation to prove that the circumstances provoking the drop were beyond their control.

Noting that four to six thousand class changes were made last semester between the second and fourteenth weeks of school, Barnhart said that the schedule changes have "gotten out of hand."

He added that he hoped that both students and instructors should be "more aware of their classes and be sure that students are properly enrolled."

Barnhart calls the drop fee the beginning of the user fee concept in the community colleges. User fees would penalize the student who requires the type of transaction that involves excessive use of employee and computer time.

Because of the 50 percent cut in the admissions staff over the past two years, it is becoming increasingly difficult to help students with problems during the enrollment period, according to Barnhart.

Aside from the scholastic benefits of having classes firmly established early in the semester, he also noted some other advantages. The admissions department is now using half of the computer terminals assigned to the administration department, but it is hoped that the terminals will be available for other work soon if most class schedules are firmed up this week.

Also, it is hoped that stabilized schedules will provide a more precise population count for the school census, which determines how much money should be allocated by the state to the individual schools.

Drop fee: Valley split

Polled on the issue of the recently instated $10-a-class drop fee, Valley students were almost equally divided on the issue, despite the fact that most of them agreed that the fee would make students "more responsible" in choosing their classes.

Of the almost 800 students polled, 404 were opposed to the drop fee, while 392 approved of it.

When asked if they thought that two weeks is enough time to firmly establish class schedules, the students were again almost equally divided. Of those questioned, 391 expressed the opinion that the time limit to drop a class is too short and 394 thought that is is adequate.

A clear majority of the students said that the fees would "make the students more responsible in choosing their classes."

Students agreeing numbered 574, and 209 disagreed.

★ Poll

Question 1. Are you in favor of the $10-per-class drop fee imposed this semester? Yes 49%, No 51%

Question 2. Do you think 2 weeks is enough time to firmly establish a class schedule? Yes 50%, No 50%

Question 3. Do you think that the drop fee will make students more responsible in choosing their classes? Yes 73%, No 27%

Tomorrow is Drop Fee Deadline

AFT College Guild alternative budget compared to district's

by GREGORY POTTER, JEFF SHARE, and MARY CRONIN
Staff Editors

With stalemated contract negotiations between the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) College Guild and the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees culminating in a possible strike next week, a look at the causes of this dispute seems appropriate.

The board has handed the AFT a five percent across-the-board salary reduction and a ten percent workload increase for the fiscal year 1983-84.

District budget figures claim a $6 million savings from this action.

Additional recommendations to offset the $28.8 million cost projected deficit include hundreds of classified and part-time teacher layoffs and thousands of class cuts.

Angered by what it called a "things over people" budget proposal, the AFT presented an alternative budget to the board at a recent public hearing.

The AFT budget, compiled by Assistant Executive Secretary Paul Worthman, is based on previous years' budgets and weighs "the variants between money budgeted and actual expenditures."

For example, the total district appropriations for the fiscal year 1982-83 totaled $197.3 million. Actual 1982-83 expenditures totaled $182.2 million, a difference $15.1 million.

Of concern to the AFT is what happened to funds remaining from over-budgeted categories at the end of the fiscal year. Union sources contend that these funds are redistributed toward "things" which are not needed or on which "too much" is spent.

In seven "miscellaneous categories" the district has budgeted $16 million more than the $692,870 amount spent last year. The AFT contends that "in essence (this plan of action) leaves this money as discretionary and unallocated."

The AFT also contends that "the district budget makes no allowances for salary savings resulting from vacancies, sabbaticals, and other leaves during the coming fiscal year."

In the ultilities and house keeping category, the district has budgeted an 18 percent increase, despite the fact that the actual expenditure in this category was $825,000 less than the budget called for last year.

The AFT has proposed that the board budget a six percent increase over last years' actual expenses.

Nevertheless, whatever the discrepencies between the two budgets may be, what is certain is that talk time is quickly dissippating.

With Gov. George Deukmejian's veto of a community college funding bill that would have provided an additional $108.5 million today, the true state of the budget becomes all the more crucial, since the district cannot expect anymore money for this year.

Few receiving aid; many are qualified

By EILEEN ERICKSON DARMIENTO
Copy Editor

A survey of student characteristics done by the financial aid office has shown that 70 percent of Valley's students are eligible for some amount of aid.

"There are only two to five percent of Valley's students receiving financial aid," according to Gaston Green, assistant dean of financial aids.

The financial aid office, once located on the lower level of the campus center, was recently moved to the main level across from Monarch Hall. Green has wanted the office moved for over five years. "The new location of the office is more visible and has led to more inquiries from students seeking financial aid."

Overall, the financial aid office at Valley has been "very fortunate," according to Green. He said the state cut-backs have only affected the hiring of student workers and part-time help. This is because his office runs more on a federal level.

In fact, according to Green, money now available to students is up approximately three to five percent, an amount which totals about five thousand dollars.

It is not really any new money given to them, Green said. It is just that loans are given out and then later collected, which keeps a steady flow of money coming in.

When asked if women and minorities would suffer most if tuition is imposed, Green said that essentially all students would suffer.

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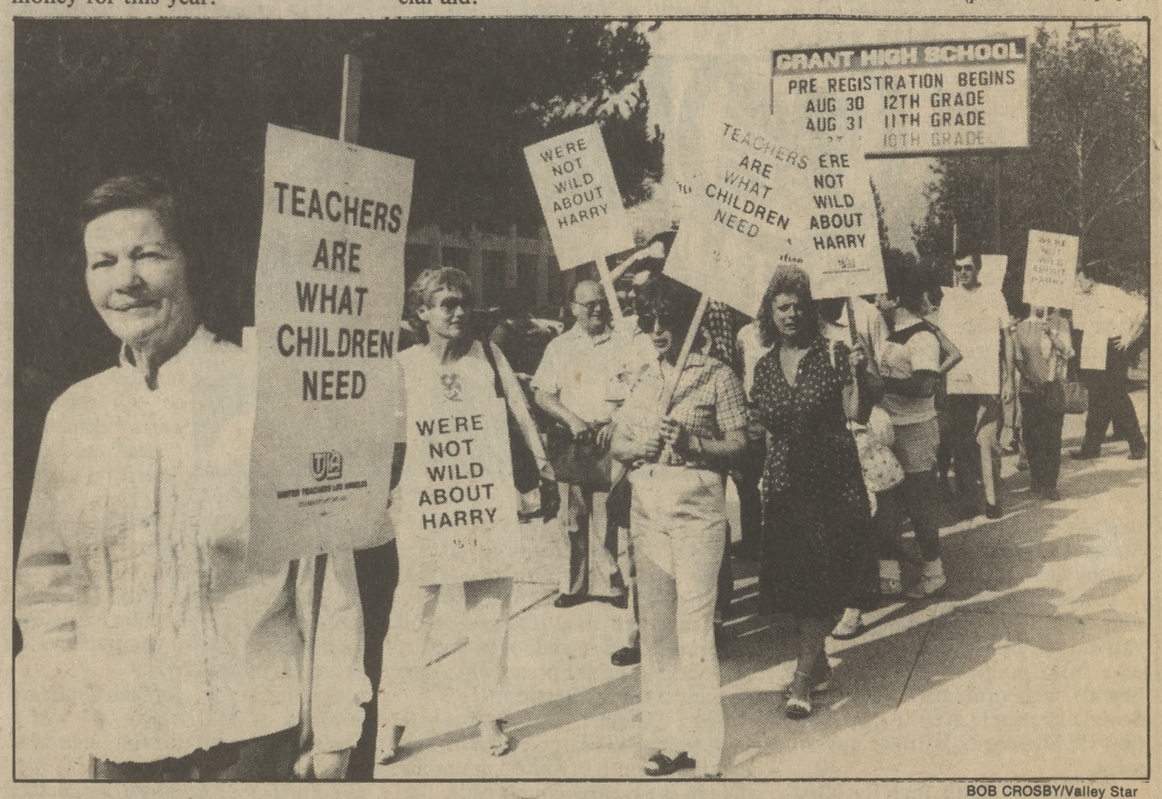
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BOB CROSBY/Valley Star

PREMONITION?—Teachers of the Los Angeles Unified School District boycotted schools last Friday, Grant High School among them, in protest over their contract talks. If no progress is made in the next week, Valley College may face the same situation if LACCD teachers do not reach an contract agreement.

STAR EDITORIALS

A time out of reason

After more than six months of unsuccessful contract negotiations, Los Angeles Community College District teachers may be on the brink of going out on strike. The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) College Guild is scheduled to cast a strike vote one week from today unless an agreement is reached before then between the union and the Board of Trustees.

At this stage it seems more than superfluous to point out that a strike would be to no one's advantage. The teachers and the district alike would suffer, not to mention what it would mean for students.

However, unless some sort of compromise is hammered out soon, a strike machinery with a momentum of its own could develop that may be impossible to stop, once started, despite the good intentions of those involved.

At the heart of the conflict between the two sides is the district decision to cut teacher salaries by five percent and increase their workload by 10 percent.

It is obvious to anyone familiar with the problems facing community colleges that the board has had the most unenviable jobs in dealing with the $29 million deficit for 1983-84 that Sacramento has handed them, but this does not deter from the fact that the present contract offer to teachers is both unfair and unjustified.

Whether by design or accident, the budget for this academic year has several qualities that make it appear to be a "things over people" proposition as the AFT has charged. While cutting classes, instuctors, and salaries, the district has still found the funds to set aside $.5 million for elections on this, a non-election year. The union has also charged that the district has made an exaggerated estimate of its utilities expenditures.

Surely, these things are worth a second look.

Teachers, like people in other walks of life, are not all credits to their profession, and some are undoubtedly overpaid in proportion to what they produce, but the vast majority are dedicated, hard working, and underpaid.

The boar is strongly urged to reconsider its position on this issue—not only to avert a possible strike, but also because teachers, the backbone of this district, deserve better.

Fee requires changes

This semester community colleges state wide have instituted a class drop fee which penalizes students $10 per class for up to two classes dropped after the first two weeks of instruction.

It is hoped that this fee will make students more responsible in choosing a course of study and save colleges revenue lost when an excessive number of students drop classes well into the semester for trivial reasons. (The fee is waived if the student must leave a class because of circumstances beyond his control.)

This fee is long overdue.

Many students who drop classes in the middle of a semester take educational opportunities away from serious students. All too often an instructor in a high-demand class must turn away students who want to take the course, only to face a half-full classroom several weeks later.

Mounting budget restrictions over the last few years make it increasingly difficult for serious students to receive a good education.

Penalizing the person who casually drops a class half-way through the semester is a step toward weeding out those who take advantage of the community college facilities at the expense of those desirous of getting the quality education that this state has traditionally provided.

It is time that the students who use the colleges as social way-stations, the students who chronically overbudget their time, and the fickle-minded students who cannot seem to decide on an educational plan begin to bear some of the cost of their irresponsibility.

In its present state, however, the drop fee plan has serious flaws.

Two weeks is simply not enough time for many students to decide whether a particular class or teacher meets their expectations.

Evening students are especially affected as their classes meet only once per week. In some instances, a student will only have one chance before the two week deadline to make a decision. A drop fee deadline extension of at least one week is warranted.

Additionally, money generated by the fees should be retained by each college rather than being diverted into the district's general fund with only the *possibility* of these funds eventually coming back to the college which collected them.

Despite these faults, the general policy of encouraging firm class schedules early in the semester benefits both faculty and student.

The U.S. role

Pride and prejudice

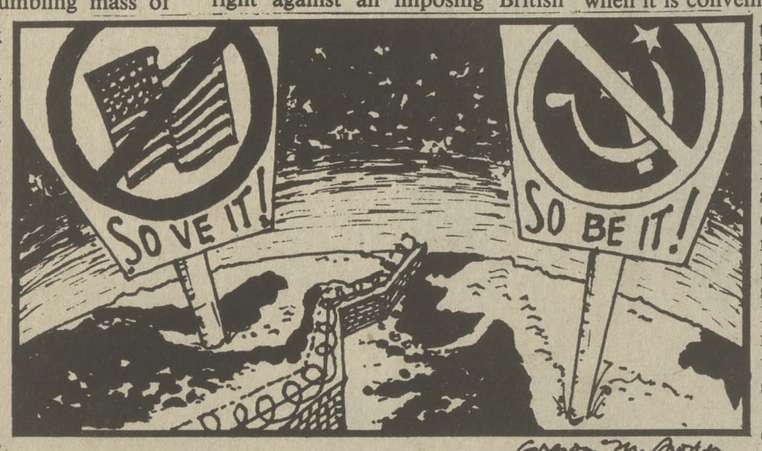
By GREGORY POTTER
Managing Editor

The number 007 will no longer be purely associated with secret agent James Bond.

Three weeks ago, there came to be a new and immeasurably somber association with that number as the relatives of 269 dead from Korean Air Lines Flight 007 would attest.

No need here to replay the unfolding events which lead up to a clearly identifiable passenger plane being sent as a tumbling mass of metal and human life into the Sea of Japan. The media deluge of State Department briefings, U.N.Security Council meetings, Presidential addresses, expansive memorials, and burning Soviet flags moan on like a tired funeral dirge.

Yet some people are feeding on this tragedy and helping to stoke the furnaces of mistrust and hatred toward the Soviet Union unseen since the McCarthy era.



Tirades of condemnation ring out not only from right-wing conservatives, as one might expect, but also from political moderates and liberals who ordinarily respect the Soviets as people even if they question the ideologies of their government.

"I used to think that the Goddamn Russians were not so bad," spat a democratic socialist friend of mine.

The apparent eagerness with which we are hopping on a steamrolling bandwagon of contempt aimed at a people as well as an act is most distressing. Especially in light of how we Americans have appointed ourselves moral guardians of the free world—an example of justice and equality under the banner E PLURIBUS UNUM.

But haven't we often stood united in the fight against different racial, ethnic, and sexual groups as diligently as we stood united in the fight against an imposing British monarchy more than 200 years ago? Evidence from the past testifies:

1942. Dateline, Colorado—Tens of thousands of Japanese Americans are hauled away from their homes and encamped in hostile surroundings on the pretext that is is for their own "protection."

1963. Dateline, Mississippi—A black woman is beaten by a mob for drinking from a "white" fountain while in the nearby countryside, the mauled body of an ebony man dangles from a tree.

1982 Dateline, Washington—The Equal Rights Amendment, the most fundamental appreciation of women's rights, starves for lack of three state's ratifications—and dies.

TODAY. Dateline, everywhere—More than 2,000 reported cases of Aquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome gives bigoted heterosexuals one more excuse to fear and despise persons whose sexual preferences are not theirs.

Are we nothing more than righteously indignant hypocrites? Verbal champions of democracy when it is convenient for us and active oppressors of liberty when it is not? Are we as truly tolerant as we claim to be?

It is ironic that President Reagan after showing an early diplomatic restraint in his public address soon after the Korean Airlines incident, went on to call the Russians "criminals," "liars,"and "murderers" in a collective tone. He then used the occasion to sell his beloved MX missile program.

It is frightening that one week ago the House of Representatives authorized a record $187.5 billion for defense and broke a 14-year moratorium on nerve gas production.

Granted, the Russian military downing of KAL flight 007 was a heinous waste of life on inhumane principles. But aren't we in part responsible for the climate of prejudice which created those principles?

Will there indeed be future generations to learn the two meanings of number 007?

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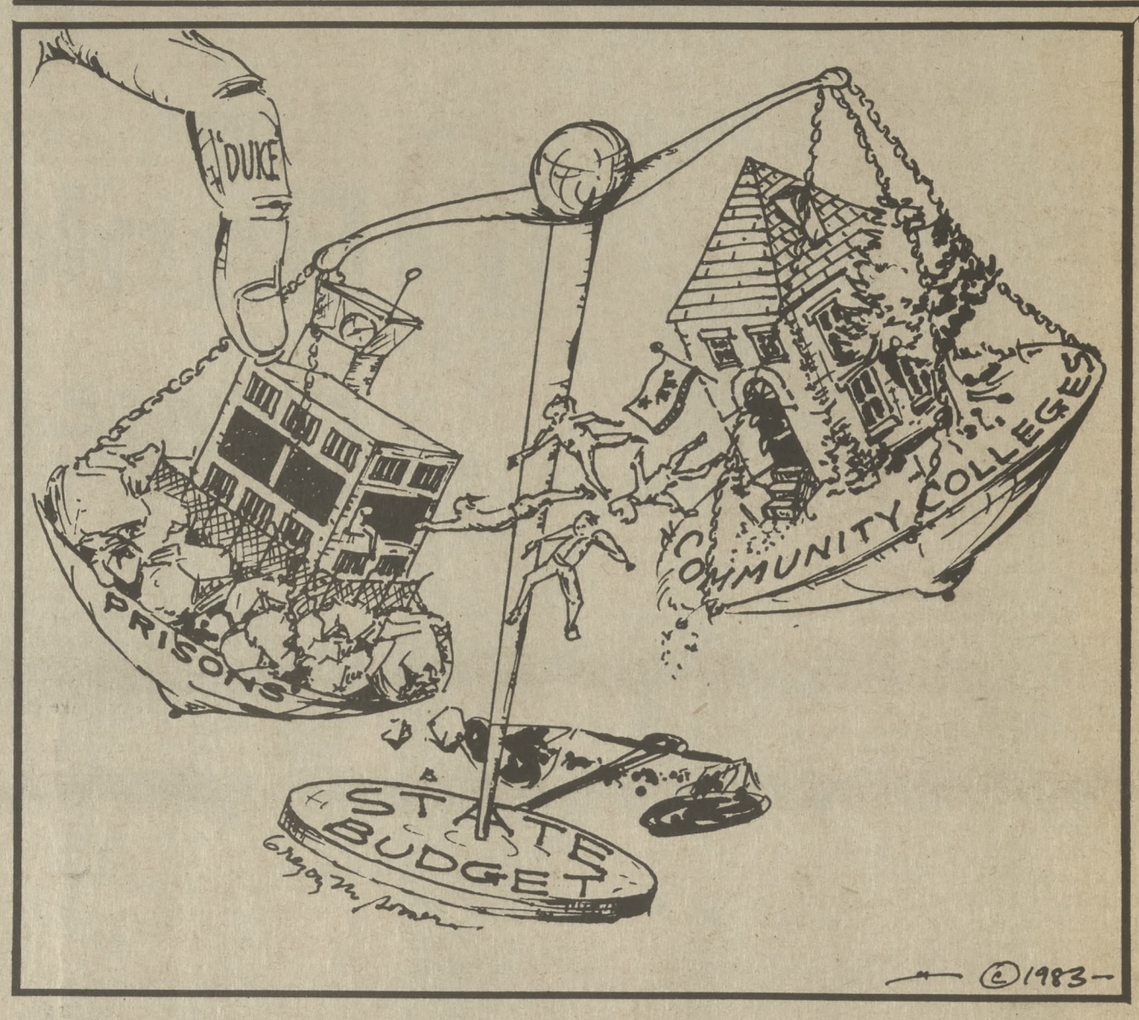

The ultimate denial

By JEFF SHARE
Associate News Editor

Life is a very temporary journey that can end at any moment. Realizing and accepting that fact can be the best possible preparation for living.

Individually and as a society we deny death in many ways. We put old people away somewhere else to die, machines often prolong the quantity rather than the quality of life and to talk openly about death is as taboo as communism.

Arnold Toynbee, a British Historian stated it very simply: "Death is un-American."

Since the industrial revolution, a syndrome of immortality has been growing from within. As death becomes more and more removed from sight and presence, so too do we remove its reality within us.

This immortality syndrome is a fallacy. It can be blamed for many reckless teenage deaths and countless numbers of unhappy lives.

The whole nuclear arms race is possibly the result of generals' and leaders' beliefs that they will not die.

We see death and violence on TV and in the newspapers but that is always "someone else."

Since 1900 the average life expectancy has risen from 47 to 70 years. Fewer people die at home with their family; instead they are removed to die "somewhere else."

When dealing with the old, who are closer to the end than we are, we tend to even fear them for reminding us of our own mortality. Age has been called the experience of experience, and what better teacher is there than experience?

Putting away those who have so much to offer in convalescent homes is like cutting off your nose to spite your face.

Make the transformation from denying death, your own mortality, to accepting the fact that there is not always going to be a tomorrow. This simple awareness offers appreciation of the act of living, perspective over mundane trivia, and freedom, independence, and spontaneity to be, to do, and to live the way you want.

"Knowing that we are going to die..."

Look through a small window and a cloud blocks your view. You think how cloudy it is. But when you enlarge your window you can see that there is only one small cloud and a panorama of beautiful sky. By seeing through a larger window you identify with more and everything becomes relative.

Reincorporating the awareness of death into our lives can enlarge our own windows.

"Knowing that we are going to die, we refuse to fritter away our time on nonsense, we drop our masks, our little vanities and false ambitions . . . we say exactly what we mean," wrote Sandol Stoddard in her book, *The Hospice Movement*.

Do not live for the moment, live the moment. "Live now. When you are eating, eat. When you are loving, love. When you are talking with someone, talk. When you are looking at a flower, look. Catch the beauty of the moment!" preaches Leo Buscaglia in his book *Love*.

Until recently in America, the most ostracized person was the terminally ill patient. When a disease was diagnosed as incurable the patient would be either kept alive as long as possible with painful medical technology or moved to an isolated corner of the hospital to die alone and frightened.

In response to this, a new program and philosophy came to America in 1974. It is called Hospice. A hospice cares for terminally ill patients and their families. Emphasis is on alleviating the pain and allowing the person to die with dignity.

In just nine years approximately 1,200 hospices have been established in the U.S., caring for approximately 40,000 people. The hospice movement is a trend that deals with death in a compassionate and realistic manor. Stoddard seized the essence of hospice as "an affirmation of the value of human life."

At the birth of this great nation, Benjamin Franklin wrote, "A long life may not be good enough, but a good life is long enough."

No one rides for free

Dear Editors,

In response to your editorials under the heading "A Man and His Idea—Vile to CC's," I believe that you have missed a few important points about tuition and community colleges.

First, $100 a year is not really a lot of money compared to tuitions being charged in other states, as you mentioned. The cost of one semester would equal the price of a pair of designer jeans. As with anything else in this world, if you want quality, you have to pay for it. If the fees do "skyrocket," as you put it, they will only fractionally cover costs which will be going up at an equally staggering rate.

Second, further taxation will not ensure adaquate funding of community colleges. The money usually lands in the pockets of Board of Education members, or goes toward their pet projects, not to needed new books and increased teachers' salaries. (To this day, teachers are still some of the lowest paid public servants in the nation.)

Third, you will not convince an already overtaxed populace that they must pay for the education of other people's children, while their own attend state and local universities and private colleges which have solid tuition programs.

In short, there is no such thing as a free ride.

Theresa Moore

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Summer trips

Traveling with class

Psyched up

By JEFF SHARE
Associate News Editor

Meditating on a cliff, playing slow-motion football, and writing their own obituaries were activities that were part of a Valley College psychology class in Hawaii this-summer.

Instructors Mike Gardner and students about Eastern and Western perspectives of oneself.

"Our goal was for the students to ask themselves, 'Who am I, and how do I fit into the scheme of things?'" Gardner explained. "We tried to explore with the students their own unique perception of self."

Two speakers from the University of Hawaii lectured to the class about Oriental and Polynesian perceptions. Gardner emphasized, "It was not a typical lecture class but, on the other extreme, it was not a therapy class."

One experiment was for students to write their own obituary. "Here in the middle of paradise, you have only one week to live. What would you do differently?" questioned Gardner. Then he asked, "Why aren't you doing it now?"

Gardner said, "Some people loved certain exercises and some felt threatened by others." He said that this second annual class "really worked out well."

In Old Spain

By MARTI HOLBROOK STEVENS
Associate View Editor

"Traveling opens the door to all kinds of things. It makes you realize how much more you can do as an individual and how many more opportunities you have," according to Samuel Mayo, history instructor.

Traveling is what Mayo enjoys most about his summers off from the regular teaching life.

Mayo and 20 Los Angeles students, most from LAVC, along with 14 other students from San Jose State College, traveled to Spain and Portugal last summer.

"We tried to stay in many of the ancient places such as those built by the early kings," commented Mayo.

Their 23-day excursion covered over 14 major cities and towns throughout Spain and Portugal including Madrid, Toledo, Lisbon, Merida, Granada, Cordoba, and La Mancha.

Mayo lectured on historic Spain to the students, whose ages ranged from 27 to 78, while taking long bus trips to the different towns and sights.

"When we got to the cities, we had time in the evening to visit, walk around, and shop," said Mayo.

Mayo is planning another trip to Spain and Portugal for next summer, but is limiting the group number to 22. Eligibility will be based on a first come, first serve basis.

Go Hawaiian

By JEFF SHARE
Associate News Editor

Walking on a volcanic flow less than two weeks old, snorkleling in coral reefs, hiking through rain forests, and swimming in pools created by waterfalls were ways 17 students learned about the natural history of the Hawaiian Islands and earned three units this past summer.

Valley instructors Ron Bigelow and Richard Raskoff team-taught the two-week class. "The two complemented each other very well," according to the oldest student, Allan Hocking.

Renting vans and four wheeled drive jeeps enabled the class to "study the four islands from their origin to the present," explained Raskoff.

"Like swimming in a big aquarium," was how Bigelow described snorkeling in the coral reefs, an activity they did every other day. The oceanography they studied included observing water from a stream under a microscope. Raskoff reported, "We found a thing that most kids think is on a record album. It is called Spiro Gira and it's a kind of algae."

Valley student Kelly Snyder's best experience was along the road to Hana on Maui. "We stopped at at least seven waterfalls and swam in each one."

Traveling along the Hana road, "we saw every climate in the world," said Raskoff.

To study the geological development of the islands, the class visited a recent volcanic flow coming from Mt. Kilauea. "It was so hot in places you couldn't stand, and there was steam coming up from this flow less than two weeks old," described Raskoff.

"We went to out-of-the-way places where tourists don't normally go. In the remote Waipio valley along the northern coast of the Big Island, we hired four wheel drive vehicles to go on the beach, over steep-sided walls, and up a river," explained Raskoff. Bigelow called it a "safari-like adventure."

On the top of Mt. Haleakala, elevation 10,023 feet the class experienced a sunset which Hocking described as "very thrilling — almost an illusion."

In their free time some took surfing lessons, some chartered a boat to catch marlin, and one person received a marriage proposal.

Bigelow considers this kind of hands-on experience as "closer to what a real teaching environment should be." He said that trips like this "can be among the most memorable experiences you can have in college."

Planning is already underway for another trip next year. Raskoff is looking forward to "the same type of trip, except going only to two islands. That way we can make the price a little cheaper."

On day 15, Snyder remembers, "We were so sad that school ended. It was really spectacular."

Sea voyage

By JEFF SHARE
Associate News Editor

"The best way to study life is to go where it is—in nature itself." This was one reason Dr. Joseph Frantz gave for taking 15 students to the Caribbean to study marine biology this summer.

The class chartered two 48 foot yachts and sailed, snorkeled, and windsurfed through the Eastern Caribbean Sea.

We spent most of the time snorkeling, looking at coral reefs—one of the most complex eco-systems," explained Frantz.

"Students learned some basic ecology, classification of the things they saw, and about the interaction between organisms and the changes through time," stated Frantz. "These were the objectives of the course.

"If they wanted to, they could learn how to sail. We also had two sailboards on each boat."

The yachts, sailed by hired skippers, served as mobile hotels and restaurants. Frantz commented, "Most people slept out on the deck under the stars. The weather was ideal. You just wear your bathing suit night and day.

"I know in the long run it has more impact than most classes," said Frantz.

He stated that, in regard to what the students thought about the class, "A lot of them didn't want to come back. In fact, nine of them didn't...right away."

Aid. . .

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"Many students in the past have gotten by going to school and keeping a part-time job because there have not been too many expenses at school. If tuition is required, that just may be enough to keep them from being able to afford school, and in turn will come to us."

Green advises students to apply for aid now, as a way to protect themselves in case tuition is instated.

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NEWS NOTES

MECHA

MECHA, the Chicano students' club, will meet Tuesday, September 27 at 11 a.m. in FL 111 and will continue to meet every Tuesday and Thursday at that time. Everyone is welcome.

Manuscript 28

The first planning and organizational meeting for Manuscript 28 magazine will be held September 27 at 11 a.m. in Humanities 119. Participation is open to all Valley students and one unit can be earned.

Bankruptcy . . .

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"brink of financial disaster."

In the LACCD, which is facing a $29 million budget deficit for 1983-84, the Board of Trustees were scheduled to meet last night in an emergency session in order to consider their options, which include massive layoffs, deep pay cuts, increased workloads, and the selling off of district property.

Trustee Archie said that the board is now left with a "blueprint for a worst-case scenario."

Deukmejian's veto of the bill, which would have restored community college funds to last years' level, now forces the board to seriously study the question of bankruptcy, she said.

"I believe that before the year is over we will not be able to pay our bills."

At this point, then, it appears students have survived the threat of tuition this year, however, there is serious doubt in many people's minds whether community colleges themselves can survive.

According to Deukmejian, who was referring to the assembly's unwillingness to pass student fee legislation, "The problem can be solved — and it can be solved easily."

Registration . . .

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that tuition was a reality this fall and were reluctant to register.

He also explained that there is an increasing number of disqualified students. In the 1982-83 school year, over 1,600 students were disqualified for failure to complete their courses or for falling below a 2.0 grade point average. While these students may appeal their disqualification and could re-enroll and be placed on academic or progress probation, many of them fail to do so.

Commenting on the registration decline, Dr. Mary Lee, Valley president, said, "Uncertainty about community college financing, and the threat of tuition has had an impact on registration."

Library funds cut

By LISA SHAMES
Associate Entertainment Editor

For those early morning, late night, and weekend study sessons, the LAVC library is definitely out of the question. Budget cuts have struck again, affecting everything from staff to supplies to books and magazines. The budget has been cut by over $18,000 from last year (this figure does not include cuts in student worker hours).

David May, periodical librarian, recalls that in 1975, "There were seven librarians. Now there are only three. We used to be open from 7:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and open on Saturdays and Sundays." Now the library is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be no weekend or holiday hours at all.

The library staff has been hit hard by this year's cuts.

"Three librarians retired last year and only one was replaced," said Cynthia Siskin, acquisition librarian. "The work is split up. There's a bigger load and it takes longer to get things done."

The library also lost a library media technician, whose job involved coding and cataloguing new in coming books. "Now," said Siskin, "when a new book comes in, it may take weeks before it's available to the public."

One area cut beyond recognition is the student workers' hours. "It hasn't been included in the budget at all this year," said Martha Kuljian, head librarian. "It's impossible to run a library without them." These student workers are responsible for putting books back on the shelves along with other duties. Without their help, it will take longer for books to get back in their proper places, said Kuljian.

Weekend hours will most likely remain non-existent. In previous years ASB supported these hours, but that seems impossible this year. "I don't think they'll [ASB] have the money to do it," said Kuljian. "It's very expensive. Students don't realize how much it really costs."

Still, there is a bright side to all of this.

"Valley's library budget was not cut as severely as the other colleges," said Siskin.

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Valley's Music Dept. hits sour budget note

By DAVID BOHRER
Staff Writer

"We've been sliding downhill for the past five years and, if we don't get a turn-around soon, it will surely cut what we can offer to the students," commented Music Department Chairman Richard Carlson recently.

"It's not that they are attacking our department more than others. It's just that the music department tends to be more vulnerable as it costs so much to maintain," stated Orchestra Conductor Theodore Lynn.

"Actually," said Lynn, "the department's budget has been progressively cut for the past five to six years. However, this year's cuts were by far the most devastating, as our money supply was cut by more than 50 percent."

In the past three semesters, as many as 12 classes have been cut from the Music Department. This includes the five abolished from the current Fall Semester.

However, classes were not the only thing to be cut. Some performing groups based in the music department, were also cut, including the LAVC Studio Jazz Band, which in the past has received national recognition. In the past three semesters, five part-time music-teaching positions in specialized areas have been eliminated. Also, the Music Department has no longer been able to appropriate money to repair and replace instruments and music for the past five to six years. The marching band was limited to a $1,500 a year budget from a $20,000 a year budget seven years ago. The band is allowed to attend only selected Valley football games and bus transportion has been restricted to a 30-mile area.

"Currently, half of the Music Department faculty are working split shifts in which part of the teaching load is at night, and part during the day," said Carlson.

Another effect the cuts have on the department is the attitude of the students. As more programs and classes disappear, students become apprehensive about joining certain programs or continuing with threatened ones.

"We hope to maintain the best quality we possibly can," said Carlson, "but with the constant cuts and erosion of programs, it will get to the point where this quality will definitely be affected."

Carlson went on to emphasize, "We currently face a possibility of cutting as many as 10 additional classes for the Spring Semester. There is no way we will be able to cut that many classes without destroying a major part of our programs."

Crit List

Police: "Synchronicity," (Condition: EXCELLENT)

"Synchronicity," the Police's fifth album, stands as a landmark by a trio whose limits have been boundless. Never before has the inner turmoil of the individual human psyche been so clearly orchestrated into a form that can be embraced by the listeners of popular music, a group which includes us all.

The emotions laid out for examination in "Synchronicity" range from the obsessive sexual jealousy of "Every Breath You Take" to the deep despair stemming from the repressive nature of industrialization and the modern family portrayed in "Synchronicity II."

In each composition off of "Synchronicity," (a word taken from the work of Carl Jung, who specialized in the examination of man's subconscious), the forces which tear modern man apart are dissected and stripped clean of embellishment, left naked for scrutiny by the listener, who is the subject of the whole operation.

Since all of the lyrics (except for those to "Mother," written by lead guitarist Andy Summers) were composed by bassist/lead singer Sting, it is not difficult to deem him a master of the transformation of emotions from the mind to music. This acknowledgement is reinforced by the understanding that Sting's own life has been under duress while writing "Synchronicity" (he was going through a very difficult divorce at the time). The listener knows he's speaking from the heart.

It was no small feat to top the socially scathing "Ghost In the Machine," and the Police did it with apparent ease. The overshadowing question is now "what's next?"

Phil Ammann
Entertainment Editor

"Easy Money" . . . (Condition: FAIR)

Rodney Dangerfield is a very funny stand-up comedian but in "Easy Money" his comedy just does not stand up. His character is hard to believe; he acts like he is always on stage.

The movie does have some very memorable laughs. The situations start out predictable from the harassing mother-in-law to the unfavorable son-in-law.

Dangerfield plays a middle-lower-class guy just trying to raise a family and get by. His getting drunk and stoned whenever he can brings in a few laughs but causes the story to drag on.

It is not until the rich mother-in-law dies leaving a ten million dollar challenge that the movie really gets rolling. Dangerfield's character must give up smoking, drinking, and gambling in order for his family to collect the grand inheritence.

This new twist to the dull story brings some very humorous original comedy.

The plot thickens as one suprise is followed by another breaking away from the cliche first half. Dangerfield's final line in the movie is destined to enter comedy's list of classics.

The acting by Joe Pesci, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Candy Azzara, and Jennifer Jason Leigh is probably the movies saving grace. They give back some believability that is lost every time Dangerfield speaks.

"Easy Money" has none of the qualities of a great movie, but for a fun, sometimes humorous picture, it deserves respect.

Jeff Share
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Puzzles!!

Beginning this week, the Entertainment Page will feature a new column, Puzzles?!, which will feature a variety of perplexing enigmas that will boggle your mind and tantilize your intelligence. Among the brain-teasers offered in the coming weeks will be word games, logic and math puzzles, and anagrams. The answers will appear in the following week's Star.

This week's puzzler...

Three men apply for a job. All three men are intelligent, and have seemingly equal attributes for the position. The prospective employer, also an intelligent man, sets a simple problem for them, and will offer the job to the first person to solve it. A mark is placed on each man's forehead. The three are told that each has either a black mark or a white mark, and each is to raise his hand if he sees a black mark on the forehead of either of the other two. The first one to tell what color he has and how he arrived at the answer will get the job. Each man raised his hand, and after a few seconds one man comes up with the answer. What color was his mark, and how did he figure it out? (Here's a variation: consider the problem with *four* applicants. They are all familiar with the three man puzzle. All four are told they are exceptionally intelligent. The applicants are asked two questions: Anyone who can see two black marks is to stand up and anyone who knows the color of the mark on his head is to raise his hand. All four stand up, and a few minutes later, one raises his hand and correctly announces the color of his mark. What was it and how did he know? Good Luck.)*

ONE MORE THING — Anyone who has a good puzzle for Puzzles!! is asked to submit the puzzle and the solution to the Entertainment Page of the Valley Star, located in BJ 114.

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Athletic departments on losing end

Men's sports program hits all-time low

By CHRIS HASSETT
Sports Editor

Optimism is running low these days in the men's athletic department.

The department has fallen victim to deeper budget cuts accounting for yet another sport cut from the program. This year the sport was volleyball.

Since 1978, five other sports have been eliminated: tennis, gymnastics, wrestling, golf, and soccer.

When Proposition 13 was passed in 1978, the budget for the athletic program was cut in half. Now, according to Men's Athletic Director George Goff, the department is working 30 percent under that level.

This year, the operational part of the men's sports budget is $30,000. Goff believes he should be getting double that in order for the program to look anything like it did in the past.

In the past," he said, "it wasn't a luxurious thing. We were just paying the bills.

"The only reason we're still operating today is because every single sport has been raising their own money."

Along with the individual sports suffering from the budget cuts, coaches are taking severe blows to their pocketbooks, and one by one they are going down for the count.

While the cost of living has increased dramatically in the last five years, the coaches' pay has stayed the same, causing many of them to quit because "they couldn't take it anymore."

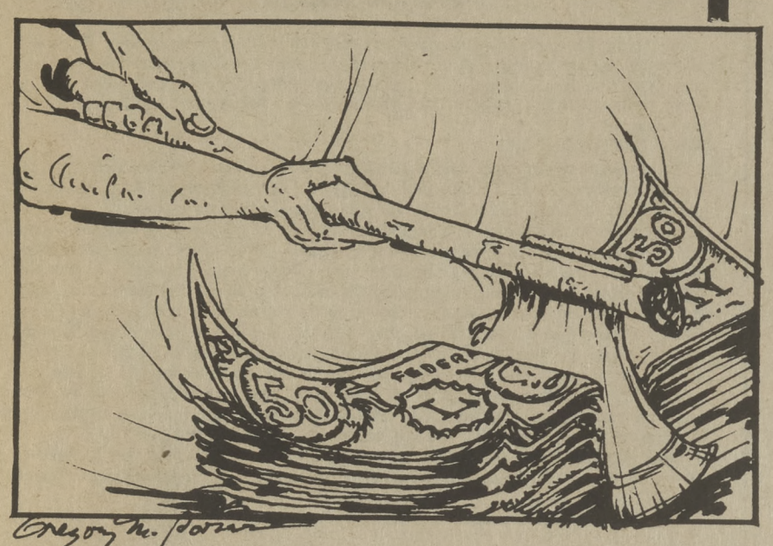
"I don't think there has been one men's athletic coach that hasn't taken money out of his own pocket to keep this thing going." said Goff.

He admits that he is not callous to the drastic cuts affecting the course of the athletic program. "The thing is, I would hang it up, except I think I'm in the best position, as far as on-the-job experience, to try to keep this thing floating. But right now we're at the very edge. If anything more happens, then that's it—the whole thing is going to go under."

Goff said the community could play a major role in supporting Valley's sports program. But he thinks that since Valley College plays such a small role in the overall picture of sports in L.A. (with UCLA, USC, CSUN, not to mention the Lakers, Dodgers, Rams, and Raiders), the community could not care less about how Valley does in competition.

He said there is a small percentage of the community that is interested in and supportive of the athletics department, but not enough to keep the department on stable ground.

"If we could get $20,000," he explained, "that would put us back on our feet again. At least we wouldn't be sinking. If somebody could come up with something like that, it would really help us out."



Women's gymnastics takes a tumble

By CHRIS HASSETT
Sports Editor

The 1984 Olympics are right around the corner. For many people, the main point of interest will be women's gymnastics.

For now, though, the 1983 schedule for women's athletics at Valley College has been set. For many people at school, the main point of interest will be women's gymnastics. Not how Valley's team will do this year, but why there will not be a team.

The reason is that the women's athletics department is slowly disappearing due to budget cuts that have affected every department on campus.

Women's Athletic Director Diedra Stark said that further budget cuts could mean the end of the entire program.

"We are continually asked to run a program on an increasingly limited budget, everything is going up. Supplies are going up. The cost of officials is going up. So right now, we're at the bottom line. Every time they cut us, we have to cut a sport."

The operational cost for running the women's athletic program this year will be $10,000, according to Stark. This figure leaves the department with no room for expansion and little room for improvement. Alternative ways of getting money are becoming slimmer each year.

"Fund raisers are very difficult," she said. "You put so much time and effort into them and you don't get very much money. You can only hit the moms and dads so many times. And the community? Well, they aren't extremely involved with our campus anyway. So it all becomes very disheartening."

Until the department receives money, sacrifices will have to be made. For example, swimming normally has two separate coaches. This year they will only have one. And the men's and women's athletic departments have combined their swimming, track, and cross country teams, reducing the number of coaches.

With all the cuts and changes in the department, Stark said that the love of her job is the only thing that keeps her from leaving.

"Sometimes you just want to give up. But as long as there is money and there is a program, then I'll do the best I can. I think the program is valuable and important, otherwise, I would probably give up. The coaches would too, except we love it."

Monarchs Blow Out Lutheran in 1st Half

By CHRIS HASSETT
Sports Editor

There are two sides to this story.

First, the Monarchs slaughtered Cal Lutheran's JV team by a score of 44 to 7. The other side of this story is that the Lutherans had only practiced together for one night before they took the field against the Monarchs.

But whatever the circumstances, the Monarchs looked good. At the end of the first half, they had a 31 to 7 lead and didn't look back.

The Monarchs wasted no time in showing Lutheran who was boss. On the second play of the game, defensive back Pat Dunkin intercepted the ball on the Lutheran 19 yard line. Three plays later, Monarch running back Derrick Traylor ran it in for the touchdown, his first of two.

And so it went for the rest of the night.

But Cal Lutheran's Head Coach predicted that. "To be honest with you, I expected our team to lose," he said smiling. "We practiced together twenty minutes last night, so judging by that, I'm pleased with how we did."

Tom Goossen, Valley's defensive linebacker coach, was pleased anyway. "We knew they didn't practice much together. But I've learned not to expect a team to win. Too many times I've seen a team that was expected to win, lose. I thought we'd go out there and do a good job, and we did."

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

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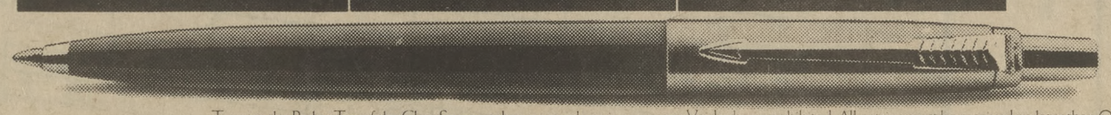

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